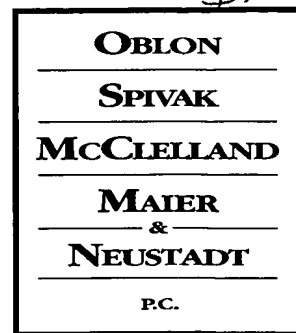




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Applicants: Shigeru KAWAHARA, et al.
Filing Date: November 13, 2003
For: NOVEL INTERMEDIATE FOR SWEETENER WITH
HIGH SWEETNESS AND PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME
Group Art Unit: 1621
Examiner: KARL J. PUTTLITZ

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Restriction Requirement

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 20, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-7, drawn to a process for producing a compound of Formula 2 for examination.

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring restriction of the above-identified application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-7, drawn to a process for producing a compound of formula 2;
- Group II: Claims 8 and 9, drawn to a process for producing 3-(3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methylbutyric acid;
- Group III: Claims 10 and 11 drawn to a process for producing 3-(3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methylbutyl aldehyde;